

To: Poalinelli, Edwin[POALINELLI.EDWIN@EPA.GOV]
From: Scott, Jeff
Sent: Mon 9/16/2013 4:16:34 AM
Subject: Re: Media Request: Exide in Vernon

Thx!!

From: Poalinelli, Edwin
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2013 4:02:21 PM
To: Scott, Jeff
Subject: FW: Media Request: Exide in Vernon

FYI Only. I will continue to monitor this and update you.

From: Jones, Joel E.
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 6:45 PM
To: Mogharabi, Nahal; Poalinelli, Edwin; Adams, Elizabeth
Cc: Miller, Amy
Subject: Re: Media Request: Exide in Vernon

Thanks Nahal, the desk statement remains accurate re Enforcement (i.e., we don't talk w/about ongoing investigations).

From: Mogharabi, Nahal
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 5:15:13 PM
To: Jones, Joel E.; Poalinelli, Edwin; Adams, Elizabeth
Cc: Miller, Amy
Subject: FW: Media Request: Exide in Vernon

Hello,

Please see the below inquiry that came in from a reporter Eastern Group Publications regarding Exide. The reporter wants to know if Exide was on our radar and what it would take for EPA to get involved. Her full inquiry is below. Eastern Group Publications is a operates a group of Hispanic owned news papers including: Eastside Sun / Northeast Sun / Mexican American Sun / Bell Gardens Sun / City Terrace Comet / Commerce Comet / Montebello Comet / Monterey Park Comet / ELA Brooklyn Belvedere Comet / Wyvernwood Chronicle / Vernon Sun.

Below is a statement we've provided to the LA Times in the past. Has anything changed. If not, is this approved to send out to this reporter?

DESK STATEMENT

As you know, DTSC and South Coast AQMD are the lead agencies for the Exide site in Vernon. In terms of hazardous waste, DTSC has full regulatory authority for this facility.

EPA, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act does have regulatory oversight, should that be necessary. DTSC is actively looking into the facility with regard to recent concerns. EPA meets regularly with DTSC to coordinate federal and state efforts on the hazardous waste permitting and enforcement programs. EPA is actively working with DTSC and is prepared to support DTSC on any future efforts should that be necessary.

The South Coast AQMD has been authorized by EPA to implement the federal Clean Air Act, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead. In addition, the AQMD has several regulations affecting lead and arsenic emissions that are more stringent than existing federal standards. It is EPA's understanding that the AQMD has been working closely with the facility to reduce these emissions for a number of years. EPA has an oversight role regarding CAA enforcement programs and Title V operating permit programs, and will generally step in when an authorized air agency's implementation is inadequate.

Please contact DTSC and AQMD for information on any ongoing enforcement actions.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Nahal

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From: Gloria A Castillo [mailto:gcastillo@egpnews.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2013 11:29 AM

To: Mogharabi, Nahal

Subject: Media Request: Exide in Vernon

Importance: High

Hi Nahal,

I was just thinking about contacting the EPA regarding another matter when I received your email.

I'm working on a story regarding the Exide Technologies recycling plant in the the City of Vernon.

I was wondering if Exide is on the EPA's radar, and if not, what would it take for the EPA to get involved.

Last night a group or residents got together, they are very upset regarding the plant and they want it shut down.

Please call me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Gloria

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For Immediate Release: September 10, 2013

Media Contact: Nahal Mogharabi, mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov , 213-244-1815

On 9/10/13 11:26 AM, "Nahal Mogharabi" <mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov> wrote:

> For Immediate Release: September 10, 2013
> Media Contact: Nahal Mogharabi, mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov , 213-244-1815
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> EPA Orders Public Water System on Indian Reservation in Riverside County to
> Address Arsenic in Drinking Water
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> LOS ANGELES – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week ordered D&D
> Mobile Home Park to address violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. D&D,
> located on the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation in Riverside
> County, was found to have high levels of arsenic in its public system that
> provides drinking water to its 300 mobile park residents. The order requires
> D&D to come into compliance with the arsenic drinking water standard as well
> as conduct more consistent arsenic monitoring.
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> Sampling data showed arsenic at concentrations as high as 0.059 milligrams per

> liter—almost six times the EPA's maximum contamination levels for arsenic.
> Sampling data also showed the presence of coliform bacteria.
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> D&D is a privately owned and operated system on the Indian Reservation. The
> order requires D&D to submit, within 90 days, a written plan for EPA review
> that will demonstrate the mobile park's strategy to bring the water system
> into compliance with the federal arsenic standard by December 31, 2014.
> Quarterly arsenic water sampling is also required. The penalty for not
> complying with the terms of the order can be up to \$37,500 per day based on
> federal statutory law.
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> For more information on the Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit:
> <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/index.cfm>
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